

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC

September 9, 2003

**Immediately Following
Special BMA
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Osborne, Garrity and Forest

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Request of Chief Kane to address the ambulance contract.
(Note: Proposed contract forwarded under separate cover to Mayor and Aldermen and available for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.)

Fire Chief Joseph Kane stated the Committee at the last meeting had a couple questions in regard to the contract. I did do some due diligence on the contract. First we handed out the contract not only to the Traffic Committee but I did get the contract out to the full Board along with the amendments to approve the contract for an additional extension of one year.

Alderman Forest stated if I'm not wrong here, I thought I, although I can't find, but I thought I had two different agreements. Well I have one here and then I know you sent me one. There were two different proposals? Is that correct? Or am I wrong on that.

Chief Kane answered there was the contract, which was the original contract, and then there was a separate page or two that was the amendment to the contract for an extension of a year.

Alderman Forest asked was this put out to bid at all Joe, or are we just extending this contract?

Chief Kane answered we're extending the current contract. The current contract is a five-year contract, it would end at the end of this year and this would extend the current contract from January to December.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to approve a 1-year extension to the ambulance contract.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Lorraine Huppe regarding parking concerns in front of her home at 85 South Elm Street.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was moved to refer to the Traffic Director for review.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from John Rist, Central High School, regarding faculty parking.

Traffic Director Tom Lolicata stated Mr. Rist sent a letter to you people and in the letter he described that he'd like to have some parking spaces for the teachers. Now we did a little study to help him out by offering the garage, the Hartnett Lot, all ten hour meters, Lowell Street, Hanover Street, which is not utilized early in the morning, which they could probably do, and we thought we had enough spaces for what they were looking for. Plus we did last weekend the Ash Street School, the School Administration building. We striped it up there and it gained another seven or eight spots. So these places could be utilized. But then I noticed in his letter that he's looking for a fee or something along the ideals of a free ticket and that I can't go along with.

Chairman Sysyn stated he's looking for permanent parking and what you're dealing with around that neighborhood and I know I live in that neighborhood. You can't give permit parking to, I don't think, the teachers and not have it for the residents.

Mr. Lolicata replied that's correct.

Chairman Sysyn stated but I think it's probably something we can probably continue working on but it would not be free parking. I think so far the parking seems to be okay. I don't see...

Mr. Lolicata stated I've also lengthened some cards for their administration building. That way they can tell their own people from the others that are parking there. That might leave three, four, five more cars for them. But we've given them all the spaces I think of in the area that they can utilize.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Guinta requesting to discuss the issue of police procedure regarding public notification of crimes and investigation of crimes.

Alderman Guinta stated I was contacted by Chief Jaskolka and Deputy Chief Simmons to schedule a meeting to discuss this particular issue prior to discussing it at the Committee level, so at this moment I would like to table the item.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Osborne proposing that permit parking be extended on Bell, Grove and Green Streets between Union and Beech Streets.

Chairman Sysyn asked Tom have you looked at that at all?

Mr. Lolicata answered I saw the request. That was done much earlier before Verizon and that area was left alone. I guess now if, I might be wrong, but I think it ends on Union Street right now, and if this passes I think the Alderman needs something from Union to Beech. This would have to go through an ordinance with the Committee.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it would require a physical ordinance change and it would have to go to Bills on Second Reading through the process. But no matter whether the Committee would want to recommend it there would need to be an ordinance provided for that.

Alderman Forest asked Madame Chair, if Alderman Osborne doesn't oppose it, why don't we just table it and let Traffic look at it and then come back to us with a recommendation on it?

Alderman Osborne replied I don't think there's anything really that Traffic can look at on it. All we're doing is extending it from the Union Street area to the Beech Street area, because the lower end of it was put together like that and

Alderman Guinta's ward because of the Verizon. Because of all the parking that you get from the Verizon and the residents in that area don't have their own parking to even unload their groceries. This is what's going to happen once the baseball team gets into this area. They are going to flood that whole area of those three street especially, Bell, Green and Grove and the west side of Beech Street. So what I'm doing here is protecting my constituents in that area for this reason. I don't see any problem with it and I don't there's much to study on it. Is there Tom?

Mr. Lolicata answered I think you said it all Alderman. There's nothing much I can do about that.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson asked is it just for the stadium? Are you looking for it on a temporary basis?

Alderman Osborne replied I don't have the exact wording right now.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated we could word it for you, I just want to understand. You're talking about it in terms of the stadium? Are you thinking that once the stadium is not utilized for the AA baseball team...?

Alderman Osborne stated we don't know that yet. I don't have any idea what they are going to be doing, what the schedule is or anything, but even the people in that area, when they even have the circus there or something, it's terrible. It is really bad in that area. I guess that from the beginning there's no parking in that area, when there is something large going on like a circus or whatever at the coliseum. It gets kind of difficult in that area. I know once that baseball starts, it's going to get three times as worse.

Chairman Sysyn asked you're talking about at Gill Stadium?

Alderman Osborne answered right.

Chairman Sysyn stated which won't start until next April?

Alderman Osborne replied I hope so. I don't know the exact date on that either. I just want to get ahead of the game here. I think it would help them even before time with other events going on in that area too.

Alderman Guinta stated considering that this is an issue that will not be impacted until at least next April, would it be more appropriate to take it up at that time or beyond your recommendation, does Tom have a recommendation? And does Alderman Osborne's recommendation make sense to you?

Mr. Lolicata replied knowing what happens at Gill Stadium and what is expected down by the Verizon, he's extending it easterly. Personally I'd like to see what is going to happen and I think if the Alderman is correct, say on opening day of baseball, and they do take effect in those neighborhoods, I think something like this should be done to help the people. We really don't know that right now.

Alderman Osborne stated I've lived in that ward all of my life. Even this Ward 5, they have problems there all the time. Right now there's problems. No matter what goes on at the stadium or whatever.

Alderman Guinta asked with regard to parking you mean?

Alderman Osborne answered sure.

Chairman Sysyn stated it's a citywide problem where you have multiple...

Alderman Osborne stated I'd like to see this happen right away before this starts. We all know it's going to happen so, I'd rather be ahead of the game. It's going to get twice as bad in April or whenever they decide to get going.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the proposal and forward to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Louis Moore Wilson of 287 B. Lake Ave advising of public safety concerns and requesting that the passageway behind this property be designated a street and given a name.

Alderman Forest asked would that go to a road hearing?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson answered it would require a road hearing but I don't believe it will resolve her issues. I think the Police Department is prepared to address that. The Deputy Chief indicated that to me.

Sgt. Fournier of the Manchester Police Department stated I think the issue here is some enforcement with the concern with parking. We've taken the appropriate measures to make sure they're out there. There have been people illegally parking their vehicles there, appropriate measures have been taken, and there have been citations issued.

Chairman Sysyn stated also because of that 10 MPH in the back streets, didn't they want...is this on a back street or is it just on Lake Ave?

St. Fournier replied it's in the alley.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think that they were looking for us to name the back streets, but they do have a name. Like I think one could be...

Deputy City Clerk Johnson interjected that wasn't the issue on this one. This one was a parking issue.

Chairman Sysyn stated okay this is a parking issue.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated my understanding of the issue with the naming of the alleyways is that the Traffic Department is working with the Highway Department on that issue and to come back at a later date to name all of those alleyways.

Alderman Forest stated I know there are very few back streets in this City that have names. That doesn't stop a Police officer from tagging a car there, does it?

Sgt. Fournier answered no. We have an ordinance in place now where you're not allowed to park in City back streets. As long as it is maintained by the City it is considered a public way, we can actually issue a parking ticket.

Alderman Forest asked the one they're talking about, this is what an east-west back street? Is it south of Lake Avenue?

Sgt. Fournier answered it's right behind the property there. There's a few alleys that parallel each other. Right between the City streets. Some of them do have designated names, others don't but I think from the Police standpoint it was the enforcement of the parked vehicles.

Alderman Forest asked is there anybody here from the Highway? They're talking about designating it a street. I assume that all of those back streets in that area have been City maintained.

Sgt. Fournier stated they are maintained by the City. One example is just the plow trucks. They are out there plowing those roads, they're maintained by the City in terms of being a public way and that suffices in terms of us taking the enforcement action.

Alderman Forest stated so therefore we really don't have to give it a name and everything else. It's already a City street.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it's attained the same status under statute as a City street. It's a public way that has attained a public status. So yes, and it can be enforced just as well as Elm Street or any other street.

Alderman Forest stated therefore, we don't have to take any action on this actually.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated no, I think other than to request that the Police Department maintain an extra effort to try and enforce the parking issue, I think that that would probably address the main problem presented in the communication.

Alderman Guinta asked could we respond to the email by issuing a letter, not only to Ms. Wilson but also the other residents in that area? Identifying that we have addressed it. Explaining the issues and identifying that the City is responsible for the street and that we are going to take enforcement action.

Sgt. Fournier stated we have taken enforcement action. We continue to do so.

Alderman Guinta asked could we issue...I want her to have a response.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated we can respond to the writer because I have her name and address and certainly I can respond to her.

Alderman Guinta stated we could at least explain to Ms. Wilson the action we're taking. Just so she knows that we're at least dealing with it.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted that the police continue to enforce parking in this area and the Clerk forward a letter to Ms. Wilson explaining the Committee's actions.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from the citizen alliance "No Even/Odd Parking" advising that they wish to work with the City to seek solutions to the problems of overnight resident parking in the city, and submitting information on Portland, ME and Burlington, VT parking programs.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, the item was moved for discussion.

Alderman Guinta stated I wanted to bring up some of the people who are representing this neighborhood to discuss some of their concerns. This has been also an issue that I think has needed to be addressed and we've talked about it a

couple of time. I talked to Frank Thomas about it and I think we really need to change the even/odd no parking policy in the City, or at least with respect to downtown.

Chairman Sysyn asked do you mean park on both sides of the street?

Alderman Guinta answered I think we should probably get rid of it. I've talked to Frank Thomas and I don't know that he will go that far to advise that we should get rid of it, but I certainly know that he said it needs an amendment and some change.

Chairman Sysyn stated because I can remember when we couldn't park on the street at all.

Alderman Guinta stated the basic problem that I've seen and I've lived in that part of Ward 3 and now I just live four streets north. The problem is between November 15th and May 15th, you can only park on one side of the street, thereby not utilizing the other side of the street. When there is no emergency in effect, the residents downtown lose half of the parking and then when there is an emergency in effect, the odd/even doesn't make sense because it's a snow emergency and you can't park anywhere. So I think from that perspective we need to address the ordinance and Frank Thomas has at least agreed that there's some changes that could be implemented.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think they implemented odd/even parking because they could plow one side of the street when there were no cars there. Even street cleaning. You can't clean the street sometimes because the cars are parked all over the place and the streets are terrible.

Alderman Osborne stated nine tenths of the time they're parked there any way regardless. The way it is now there's always ones that they have to tow and then the plows have to go around it and it makes a mess anyway. There's no happy medium here.

Alderman Garrity stated I want to speak to Alderman Guinta's statement that when it's not a snow emergency there is only one side parking. Well the reason for that is the streets get narrow in the winter with the more snow that we get. I think we have to think about public safety and fire trucks and that kinds of stuff that need to get up and down the streets and if there's parking...and I'm not saying citywide that it's a problem, but most City streets become narrower as the winter goes on and downtown their snow banks and that type of stuff is taken care of better than the south end, believe me. The south end snow banks are wider and taller but it's a public safety issue when you have to get fire apparatus through these streets.

Chairman Sysyn stated I had an instance on East High Street. The Highway Department could not pick up people's garbage because there was so much snow and all you had was one car passable on East High Street. They couldn't pick up the garbage. The residents had to bring their garbage down to the corner until we could get that cleared up.

Alderman Forest stated I know Tom and I were both around with the old all night parking laws. It originally started that there was no parking on the streets. Then they compromised a little bit by making it all night parking; they gave you four hours. The Police officers had to go back, take numbers, go back in four hours, which took a lot of man power on the Police Department. Then it started it was odd one year and then even the next, and then this was a compromise that was done mainly I think for the center City who's buildings had very few parking spots. This was an alternative that worked. It may get better and I agree maybe they could discuss a better solution. It does take enforcement. The all night parking laws state that you can't be on the street between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM during the winter and then they have the odd and even sides. It's difficult on some streets. I know in the City where one side is no parking, so they never move from the side that they're on. There may be some alternatives to that. Further discussions on all night parking I think is great if they come up with a better idea. But that was an idea that was brought up in the early 1980's I believe, maybe late 1970's, somewhere around there, and it worked. It's just that if you have an odd/even parking that's the way it should work. That the Highway Department should go out and plow one side of the street one night, the other side on the following night. That's the way it was supposed to work. It doesn't work because now the Highway Department when it starts snowing, and I noticed it...we had a lot of snow this year but I noticed it this year, that they were calling snow emergencies the day before the snow storm. We were fortunate they called them this year and the snowstorms happened, but in the past they've called them and nothing has happened. So I think maybe working out a better idea or getting discussion about a better idea could work.

Alderman Osborne stated the only solution I can see basically is you've got to have more emergency parking. I think you have to pull that more often. Quarter inch or whatever. You have to stay with the weatherman when you call emergency parking. This way here you could probably have parking on both sides. It would be up to the Highway Department in order to determine the amount of snow they are going to be receiving. They can call emergency, I guess there's no ordinance on how many inches you've got to have before you call an emergency, is there? So I think that's the only solution I can think of. Because like I say, they park on both sides anyway and the Police Department they are towing them left and right all of the time because the plows can't get up the streets one way or another. So we need a lot of parking in the City, because it's not like it was in the 1940's or 1950's where people owned one car and today or even then

they didn't have any car at all. Today there's probably three or four cars to a family and there's no room. The streets don't stretch. All you can use is skyhooks to hang them. There's no other way of doing it. The only thing you can do is just call more snow emergencies.

Alderman Guinta stated again, I've discussed this several times with Frank Thomas. I think the goal is to try to identify for this coming winter some alternatives. I think that's fair for the residents downtown who have complained year after year about this particular issue. The person who I do want to introduce in front of us has done some extensive research and I'd like her to talk a little bit about it because she's provided some very interesting insight I think to the Committee about potential alternatives and she's done this on her own time talking to other cities in New England and I think that Manchester would probably benefit at least from the short report and talking not only to the individual in front of us but several downtown residents to further...

Shana Potvin, 143 Middle Street, stated I want to thank you for putting us on the agenda and let us have time to speak. I've lived in the City for five years at the same address on Middle Street and every year it's the same issue. The street is so short and it's filled up normally so to have the even/odd it's just a fight ever night, people move their cars during the day and if you get home at 6:00 PM or after you have to park on another street and walk home. So I've pretty much don't want to have to deal with it any more. We have researched other cities around New England mostly and I attached a copy of Burlington, VT's and Portland, ME's winter parking policy to the agenda. They have policies where the City has flashing lights at major intersections where if there was a snow emergency these lights would be on and being on the major intersections is where pretty much the people would see them. They also have the news and radio announcements and a few of them have the email that we do. I've actually drafted up a proposal, which goes through all of our findings and takes the current ordinances and changes it into what we would suggest. So what we would suggest was to do away with the even/odd parking policy, in its place we would like to see either just calling the snow emergency, which is pretty much what happens now. They just call the snow emergency, I believe that Frank Thomas said, when it's predicted snow of three inches or more. So that I think would greatly reduce, at least in our ward, the problem. As for the emergency vehicles being able to pass, which in an article Police Chief Driscoll was actually quoted that as a concern, and we wonder these vehicles get through during the day when the even/odd is not in effect, so we are wondering what's the difference at night. If they can get through during the day fine, this ordinance goes into effect from 12:00 AM to 7:00 AM. So they get through from 7:00 AM to midnight during the day, with parking on both sides. We're just not sure how that concerns...

Chairman Sysyn stated it's probably because of snow build up during the winter makes the street a little narrower. That could be it.

Ms. Potvin stated but during the day they can get through fine.

Alderman Guinta stated on Middle Street during the day there is parking on both sides and they utilize parking on both sides. It's actually very heavily utilized during the day. There are businesses in that area, there are residences in that area, and it is in very close proximity to Elm Street, so not only do you have business owners who are parking there but also customers of those businesses on those streets and then on Elm Street, so I think the point is that during the day those streets are essentially full on both sides and yet it appears that its wide enough for an emergency vehicle to get through, so why all of a sudden have an even/odd situation in the evening if it they can maneuver the streets during the day.

Chairman Sysyn stated my recommendation actually would be to send this information over to Traffic, Highway, Police and Fire and let them go through all of the information and see what they come up with. Seeing that Frank Thomas is interested also in getting some kind of a solution. I think that's our best thing and if Mr. Guinta wants to get involved in it, it concerns your ward so much. I think it concerns my ward too.

Alderman Guinta stated I did ask Frank to do that and as far as I know he is working on that.

Chairman Sysyn stated well we could have the four departments get involved.

Alderman Guinta stated yes I have no objection. I don't know if you were done with your part, so I'd still like to provide you the opportunity to continue.

Ms. Potvin before we leave I'd like to hand you all copies of the proposal. So aside from these lights that could be utilized for a total citywide ban by say turning it on a steady blink, not a blink, a steady light. And if it was blinking we could have a sign underneath them that would designate the area that it represents and say the Highway Department wanted to clear residential parking in zone one they would turn that light on there and make it blink and there would be a sign under it that designated which streets were on the emergency. Because they go around anyway and put those signs in the snow banks.

Alderman Guinta asked this is already in effect in other cities?

Ms. Potvin answered the zone part...this is all a combination of different things we have found.

Alderman Guinta stated a combination is in effect in other cities currently.

Ms. Potvin stated I have not found anywhere that does the blinking designated zone. That was our idea. So since we have four residential parking permit zones, those are the areas that are affected most by this and mostly those are people that have problems, obviously. Then we took it a step further and thought that since we have the email notification of the snow emergency, that when people go to City Hall to get the residential parking permits, they could, obviously I'm not sure what information the Clerk takes, but they probably take their phone number. If we could start a data base of people who have these permits, and right now I think there's 1,200 permits issued, and somehow, I don't know if the City has in place any kind of automated calling system, if we could get these people on an automated call system where with one push of a button a call goes out to 1,200 people saying tonight there is a snow emergency in effect in your area. That would be another way to get it out. And the lights would also address issues that we've had with communication problems with people who don't speak English because they can't understand what's on WZID and WMUR. If they saw these lights when they're on their way home, they would know that there is a snow emergency, I can't park there.

Alderman Osborne stated I think Tom can remember this a year ago. Right Tom? When I was telling you this about lights. We have different large intersections that have lights for when ambulances go by and things of that sort and I brought this up to Tom a year ago but the cost factor was another problem. Right Tom? And it would be nice, I agree with what you're saying because I thought of this myself a year ago and I thought if we just had them at main intersections, whether it might be Bridge and Elm and so on and so forth. People would know where to look. You don't have to have these at every street; they would know where to look. But I think another good thing is what I said before. Everybody needs parking in Manchester, not only Kidder Street or whatever, I have these people talk to me everyday, not everyday, but quite a bit about they can't park, they have no place to park, and this odd/even thing is really a hassle and so on. But I think instead of three inches I think this should be brought down to probably to a half of an inch, but the problem here is the snow banks as they plow each time, they get larger and larger and larger and that what makes the street narrow. So if we have snow emergencies, then they could do both sides to the curb just about all of the time and we wouldn't have this problem. I know it's a little more money probably for plowing though, but they have to get out there one way or the other, whether its salt for a half of an inch or a quarter of an inch and sand or whatever it is, but calls more snow emergencies. I think this would be a big, big, big factor for this whole thing. But the light thing I like very much for the snow emergencies so the people would know right away there's a snow emergency along with the radio and newspaper, whatever it is.

Alderman Forest stated and don't think this comment is historical fact, but when the Amoskeag Manufacturing built those buildings, people didn't have cars. They walked to work. So you know you live there, I had a daughter who lived there for

two years in the area. There isn't much place in the back of the buildings to park and early in or mid century and a few years ago, they decided to renovate the buildings for more modern times like Alderman Osborne said earlier. It's not just one care any more, it's four, five or six. Unfortunately for you, you live in a downtown area. Most of the downtown area is business, they are throwing in residential now and we have to maybe as a board or Aldermen or something require that all of these new buildings have parking. We had City ordinances but somehow some of these businesses and buildings sort of got around it and like I said before, I really think that it's a good idea. A lot of it is going to cost us money, I don't think all of this is going to be able to be done in Manchester, but I think Alderman Guinta and yourself and with everything, I think we ought to just pass it on to again the Police the Fire and those that are responsible for giving us some ideas and some direction and maybe revamp the all night parking ban.

Chairman Sysyn asked do I have a motion to that effect?

Alderman Guinta stated I have a further comment before a motion is made, if you don't mind. First of all, again just to reiterate, I agree that it makes sense to give this to those four departments for review. My first question I think would be, can we have citizens or residents interested in this issue be part of those meetings? I don't know if that has happened before.

Alderman Forest stated we have one right here and we should be at least talking with these people also.

Alderman Guinta stated that's my point. Can we allow a resident to be included in those meetings or discussions?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I think that was the intent. As I understood it was to have those four departments work with these people on the proposal and then come back with some recommendations.

Alderman Guinta replied okay. And I guess secondly, my request would be that some sort of recommendation or proposal come forward prior to this winter season.

Chairman Sysyn stated I have as many problems as you do, and I don't have permit parking in my ward, so I'd like to see something happen too.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I also would suggest that I know that this group is representing the downtown area more, but citywide you also have a lot of tenement buildings on the west side and the south end. So you may want to see if there's residents from those areas to come in and work with them as well. They don't have permit parking in that area but they are part and parcel of what's being

affected here so you may want to pull in somebody from a couple of other wards and I guess that would be up to Tom to work with the Aldermen.

Alderman Forest stated that would be all encompassed in the motion.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated, as I understand what you're trying to do. Yes.

Alderman Osborne asked Madame Chair. Are we talking just about a particular section of the City now, or are we just talking about...?

Chairman Sysyn replied we're talking about the whole city.

Alderman Forest moved that the Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department, and Traffic Department review other alternatives to the odd/even parking citywide during the winter months, with consideration of the different geographic areas and bring a recommendation back to the Committee at the October meeting. Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Guinta stated this is great that we're going to look at this problem citywide, however, different problems exist in different parts of the City, so while we are looking at it from a City perspective, I don't want to lose sight of the fact that if we have to take it geographic area by geographic area, and use one particular area as sort of a...

Chairman Sysyn interjected it affects the whole City.

Alderman Guinta stated right, but I don't want to try to come up with one solution for the entire City and then not have any solution for any part of the City. So if the recommendation...

Chairman Sysyn interjected I'm sure they'll work on it.

Alderman Guinta stated I would ask that the recommendations that come out of this Committee address...can certainly address the City as a whole but can also address geographic areas as well.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed as follows:

NO PARKING TOW ZONE (Emergency Act)

On Concord St., north side, from Maple St. to Ash St.

On Concord St., south side, from Maple St. to Ash St.

On Ash St., east side, from Concord St. to Amherst St.

On Ash St., east side, from Concord St. to a point 50 feet south

On Ash St., east side, from Amherst St. to a point 50 feet north

On Amherst St. north and south sides, from Ash St. to Beech St.

On Lowell St. north side, from Nashua St. extension to Maple Westback St.

On Lowell St. north side, from Ash St. to Ash Westback St.

RESIDENT PARKING ONLY

On Ash St. east side, from a point 50 feet south of Concord St. to a point 50 feet north of Amherst St.

Alderman Sysyn

STOP SIGN (EMERGENCY ACT)

On Mason St. at Upland St., nec

Alderman Forest

NO PARKING

On Hayward St., north side, from Union St. to a point 70 feet easterly

Alderman Shea

On Bruce Rd., east side, from Sagamore St. to a point 50 feet northerly

Alderman Gatsas

RESCIND NO PARKING

On Harvard St., both sides, from a point 130 feet east of Maple St. to the dead end (#8357)

Alderman Shea

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 575 feet north of Weston Rd. to a point 105 feet north (#8593)

Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING (EMERGENCY ACT)

On Mitchell St., north side, from Calef Rd. to a point 600 feet easterly (#3408)

Alderman Garrity

NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS (EMERGENCY ACT)

On S. Porter St., west side, from Fernand St. to a point 90 feet north of Weston Rd.

Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On S. Porter St., west side, from Weston Rd. to a point 590 feet northerly (#6147)

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 205 feet south of Celeste St. to Roysan St. (#6535)

On Porter St., west side, from a point 555 feet south of Roysan St. to Weston Rd. (#8065)

On S. Porter St., west side, from Fernand St. to a point 190 feet south of Roysan St. (#8064)

Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS DAYS OR EVENINGS

On S. Porter St., west side, from Roysan St. to a point 610 feet southerly (#6534)

Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 190 feet south of Roysan St. to a point 365 feet south (#8067)

Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On S. Porter St., west side, from Fernand St. to a point 205 feet south of Celeste St. (#7370)

Alderman DeVries

NO PARKING TOW ZONE (EMERGENCY ACT)

West entrance on Prospect Court, east side, from Prospect St. to a point 90 feet northerly, and then 45 feet easterly on the south

West entrance on Prospect Court, west side, from Prospect St. to a point 90 feet northerly

East exit on Prospect Court, east side, from Prospect St. to a point 90 feet northerly

Alderman Guinta

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE 5PM-1AM MONDAY-SATURDAY
(EMERGENCY ACT)**

On Vine St., west side, from Concord St. to a point 80 feet southerly at parking meter 7060, 7061, 7062 and 7063.

Alderman Guinta

Alderman Garrity stated I talked to Tom this morning and I'd like something if that's possible at Fitzgerald and President Road. Fitzgerald T's into President and there are currently stop signs on President. We almost had a fatal accident over there the other day with a young child on a bike and there's no stop where Fitzgerald T's into President and I'm proposing that we have an additional...there's two stop signs, we're just going to make it a three-way. Right?

Mr. Lolicata stated I looked that up that address. Is that Ferndale?

Alderman Garrity replied yes it is Ferndale.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson asked okay we're looking at a stop sign on Ferndale at President Road on the northwest corner?

Mr. Lolicata stated I will verify that corner for you tomorrow.

Alderman Forest stated I have one comment and that is I am in opposition to the three-way and four-way stop signs still signs.

Alderman Garrity stated Alderman Forest I can certainly understand your opposition to four-way stop signs. This road T's into President Road and it's a safety concern.

Alderman Forest stated I have my objections mainly for experience with those stop signs. Whether you think its safety or not, and I'm still opposed to three and four-way stop signs.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to accept the Traffic agenda, including the addition of a Stop Sign at the northwest corner of Ferndale. Alderman Forest is duly recorded in opposition to three and four-way stop signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lolicata stated Madame Chair I'm here tonight to get your approval from this Committee so I can start tomorrow enacting the law by making Lowell Street a one-way street, from Beech Street to Maple Street eastbound, and making Beech Street a one-lane street from Amherst to Lowell. You all read the paper today and it is regarding to the construction over at Central High School. It is going to take two years plus and after looking at what we saw for those kids going from one building to another, there's not enough room on that sidewalk and someone is going to get hurt. By extending it out into one lane just for two blocks, I think we can get those kids back and forth with at least eight to ten minutes instead of fifteen or twenty.

Chairman Sysyn asked so it's going to go Lowell to Amherst?

Mr. Lolicata answered it is actually going to stop before Amherst, after the exit doorway on top of Central coming down to give cars transition to come over again and to help the cueing. The one-way is actually because of the bus situation, it's to make it safer, drop the kids off on that side, on the right side, and I've gone along with this, the Police have gone along with this, and for two years we think this is the safest method right now to help them out. We also thought in advance that we might come back to the Committee if in the winter time it gets kind of tough and we have a pretty decent winter and snow starts coming down pretty heavy and we can take the parking out on Beech Street to make it wider for safety purposes. As of right now there will be plenty of room for a car or truck or anybody to get by in this dry weather. But that will be something we want to try and keep until such time until the snow comes.

Chairman Sysyn asked and it doesn't make any more parking on Lowell Street, it is one-way period?

Mr. Lolicata replied correct.

Alderman Garrity moved to make Lowell Street a one-way street, from Beech Street to Maple Street eastbound, and make Beech Street a one-lane street from Amherst to Lowell on a temporary basis during construction at Central High School. Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Osborne asked where is this starting on Beech now Tom? It starts at where?

Mr. Lolicata answered it starts right at Lowell Street and its going to stop just before Amherst so it can transition back over.

Alderman Osborne asked when this traffic is coming down Beech Street and it's double line up to Lowell Street, what kind of bottleneck are you going to get in there? How did you figure that one out? They have to go from two lanes to one, so there's got to be something there.

Mr. Lolicata answered that happens like any construction area you go. I've got the signs all set up for tomorrow. They are two 36" garden signs for right lane...

Alderman Osborne asked are you going to back yourself up from Lowell to Bridge somehow? Where you're going to start coming in on one lane?

Mr. Lolicata answered yes, we have to. The left lane is kept open for people who have to take a left to go down Lowell Street, especially the buses. That's why it is going to be done that way.

Alderman Osborne stated I have no problem with the Lowell Street thing, I was just wondering how they are going bottleneck coming down Beech Street.

Alderman Forest asked we as a Committee if we pass this now does it go into effect now?

Mr. Lolicata stated it is going into effect as an emergency act.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it will still go to the Board for approval for a permanent situation. As an emergency act you can pass it tonight.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson asked can I just clarify one thing? Are you doing that as during construction only? So you can just automatically remove it when construction is over, or do you want it...

Mr. Lolicata answered that is correct. It will be temporary for at least two years from my understanding.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson suggested maybe you should come back and remove it. We'll figure that out then.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried

TABLED ITEMS

Ordinance:

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by creating §75.00 Motorized Scooters established to govern the use of motorized scooters in the City of Manchester.”

Portion of report of Traffic Committee referred back to committee 3/18/03 regarding the adoption of regulations:

One-Way Streets

Hollis Street

Kidder Street

These items remained on the table.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee